Table below:

SI.No.	Sector	Name of Ministry/ Department	No. of projects without date of commissioning	Total Cost (Rs. crores)	Amount Spent (Rs. Crores)
1.	Railways	Railways	80 7	26985.85	5286.28
2.	Telecommuni-cations	Telecommunications		1380.26	51.5
	TOTAL			28366.11	5337.78

Completion of central sector projects

445. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 267 major central sector projects selected for completion during the current financial year; 26 projects would slip beyond march, 2005 while 43 projects would be completed;

(b) if so, whether the remaining 186 projects are expected to be completed during the course of financial year;

(c) the latest position of these projects at present;

(d) how many of them are going behind schedule, sector-wise;

(e) to what extent, these projects have increased the cost; and

(f) the steps that are being taken to complete these projects immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes. Sir. As on 30.6.2004, there were 267 projects each costing Rs.20 crore and above on the,monitor of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for completion during the current financial year Out of these 267 projects, as on 1.10.2004, 53 projects were completed, one project was dropped, 51 projects were delayed beyond March, 2005.

(b) Balance of 162 projects are scheduled for completion by March, 2005.

(c) to (e) The latest position of these 162 projects sector-wise is summarized below:

SI.No.	Sector	No. of delayed projects	%age cost overrun w.r.t. original cost
1.	Atomic Energy	1	0.00
2.	Coal	16	-4.74
3.	Fertilisers	2	36.64
4.	Petroleum	10	9.81
5.	Power	14	156.00
6.	Health & FW	1	286.06
7.	Railways	34	29.83
8.	Road Transport & Highways	68	-0.02
9.	Shipping & Ports	8	12.00
10.	Telecommunication	2	0.00
11.	Urban Development	6	8.12
	TOTAL	162	25.43

(f) The steps taken to ensure timely completion of these projects are as follows:

(i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project before investment approval;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues, forest clearances, infrastructure facilities and ensuring law

and order at project sites, etc.

(v) setting up of an empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving unresolved problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(ix) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

Preparation for Commonwealth Games

446. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that preparation for hosting next Commonwealth Games are lagging behind schedule; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to speed them up?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government of India has constituted a Core Group of Ministers (GOM) for coordinating the work relating to the organization of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. In its meeting on 29.1.2005, GOM has decided as follows:

(i) Apex Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports for overseeing and coordinating the Games,

(ii) Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of President, IOA for conduct of the Games.

(iii) A three-member Sub-Committee of the GOM headed by the Union Finance Minister to supervise and deal with all financial matters.